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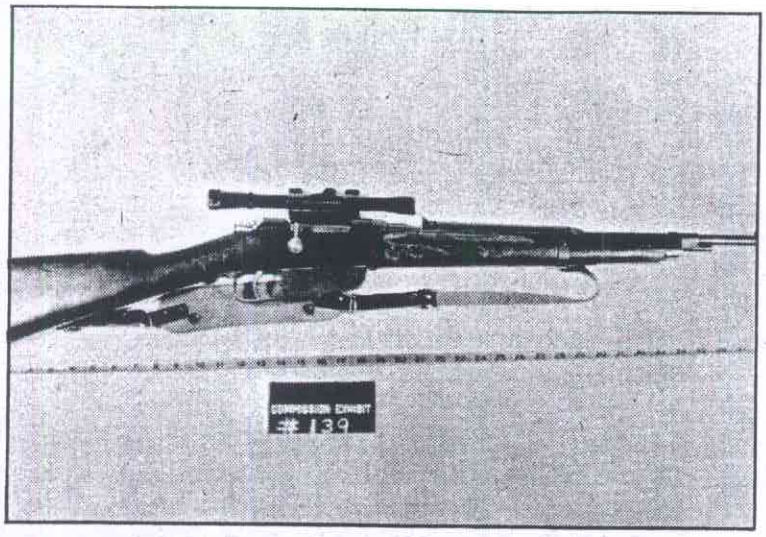
At least seven people knew that President John F. Kennedy would be assassinated before the fatal shots were fired at Dealey Plaza in Dallas — but Lee Harvey Oswald was not one of them.

Oswald, in reality, was no more than a pawn in the tragic events of that day — a dupe who set out to assassinate the governor of Texas and found himself caught up in the killing of a president.



RIFLE OSWALD used in Kennedy assassination was not only firearm involved

He sat perched in the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository thinking that he was to be the lone assassin of Gov. John B. Connally — a man he hated and was being paid to kill.

Little did he know that two other riflemen lurked on the fringes of Dealey Plaza and their target was John F. Kennedy. And the indications are that Oswald was as stunned as anyone when bullets suddenly began ripping into the president of the United States.

Of the seven persons who knew that the real target that day was to be the president, two of them were policemen, or at least they wore police uniforms. Another was a small-time hood who ran a Commerce Street strip joint. One was a stripper in the joint. Others included a wily gunman who disappeared into the city drainage system beneath Dealey Plaza and a mystery man who helped three other persons escape from the death scene during the madness and confusion that followed the killing of the president. The seventh was David Ferrie, who flew at least two of the assassins out of the country.

An ex-FBI agent who was involved in the initial stages of the investigation has confided to this reporter that FBI agents were used as "nothing more than glorified errand boys" during the assassination investigation and that much of the evidence they gathered was "distorted, suppressed or just ignored altogether.

"The Warren Commission was not altogether to blame," he said. "Because the information was being channeled to somebody pretty high up and it was being censored and filtered back to the commission. I know I gathered a great deal of information that never got to the commission."

But there still remains a mountain of available evidence that, contrary to the finding of the Warren Commission, Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill John F. Kennedy while "acting alone".

"Oswald was really a pathetic little guy," revealed the ex-agent. "He wanted to be a Marine, then a Marxist, then an FBI informant and finally a big-time criminal. One of the reasons they wanted to hold back a lot of information is because we (the FBI) used him on two occasions as an

When Lee Harvey Oswald was hauled handcuffed into the interrogation room of the Dallas Police Department on the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963, he smirked at Capt. Will Fritz. "People will forget in a few days and there will be another president," he said. But, eight years and two presidents later, author Joseph Walsh has not forgotten. Dissatisfied with both the Warren Commission Report and the many writers who speculated much but solved little, Walsh began gathering information four years ago for a book on the assassination. He still is gathering it and claims he will not write his book until he has answered all the questions in "this still unsolved crime". Through a special arrangement with Walsh (a frequent contributor to MIDNIGHT) he has agreed to present some of his theories on the assassination. We think you will find them as fascinating as we did.

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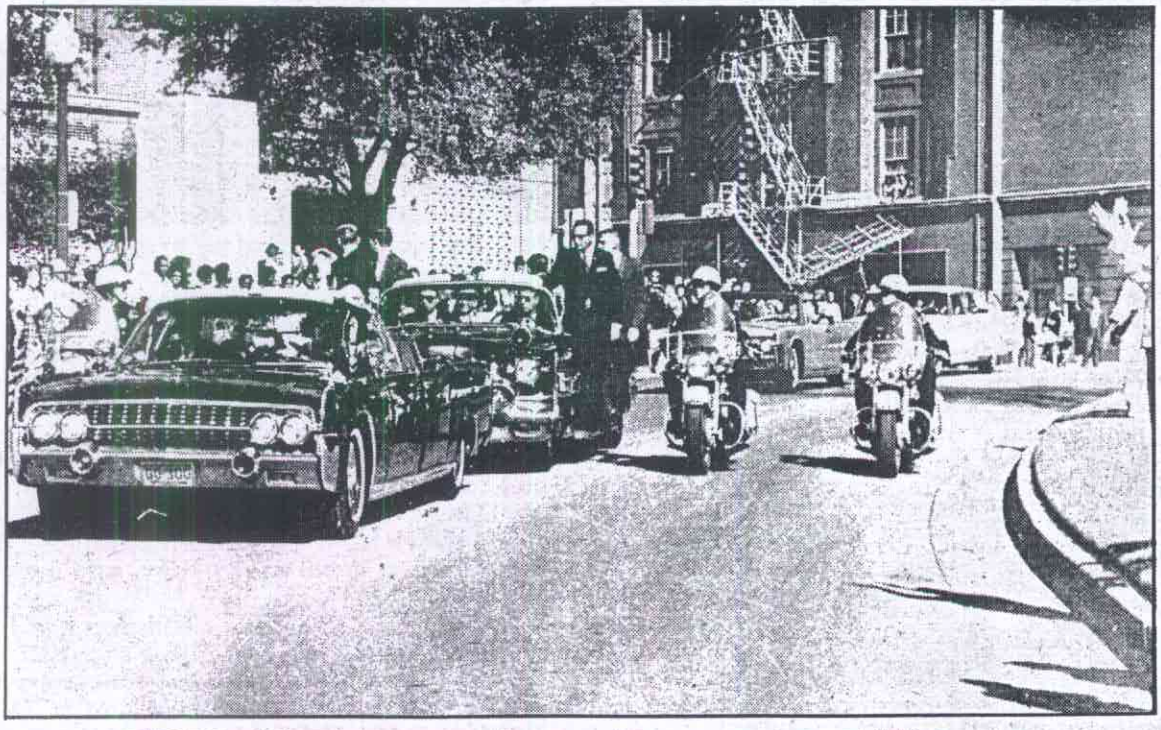
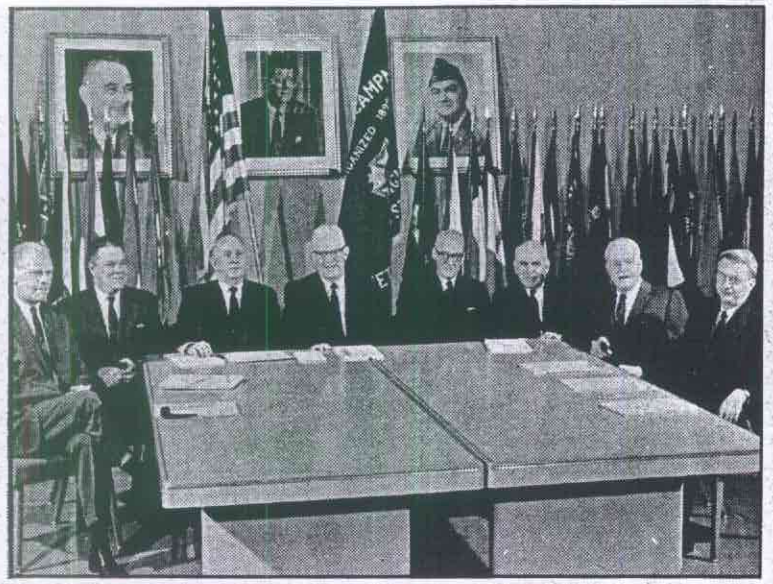


PHOTO of Kennedy motorcade was taken at exact second JFK was shot



INFORMATION that reached Warren Commission was edited — and censored — first

informer when he was in New Orleans. And he had talked to one of our agents in Dallas. But that's all there was to it. We have a lot of informers."

But while the FBI was cultivating Oswald to inform on his fellow Communists (he looked down on all American Communists) he also came under the influence of one Jack Ruby. Ruby promised him wealth and importance in the Dallas underworld and assured him that only one man stood in the way — Gov. John Connally.

Carroll Jarnagan was a Dallas attorney of good repute who spent a lot of time at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club on Commerce Street in Dallas. He was one of four persons who claim to have seen a man there who called himself H.L.

Lee, later identified as Lee Harvey Oswald.

Following is Jarnagan's recollection of a conversation he overheard in an adjoining booth between the same Mr. Lee and Ruby just before the assassination:

LEE: Sure, I've got the equipment ready.

RUBY: How do I know you'll do the job?

LEE: How do I know you'll show up with the money after it's done?

RUBY: You can trust me. . .I can't turn loose of the money until the job is done. If there's a slip-up . . .

LEE: Not that it makes any difference, but what have you got against the governor?

RUBY: He won't work with us on paroles. With a few of the right boys out, we could open up this state. The boys in Chicago have no place to operate. . .the lid's on. . . everything's dead. We're right next to Mexico. There'd be money for everybody if we could open up this state."

Thus Oswald, who had failed at everything else in his life, committed himself to a plot to assassinate the governor of Texas — not John F. Kennedy.

Ruby knew the real target. The evidence points to the fact that he was the "ground-floor" organizer of the plot. Oswald was supposed to escape with the other participants in the assassination. But he avoided his prearranged rendezvous.

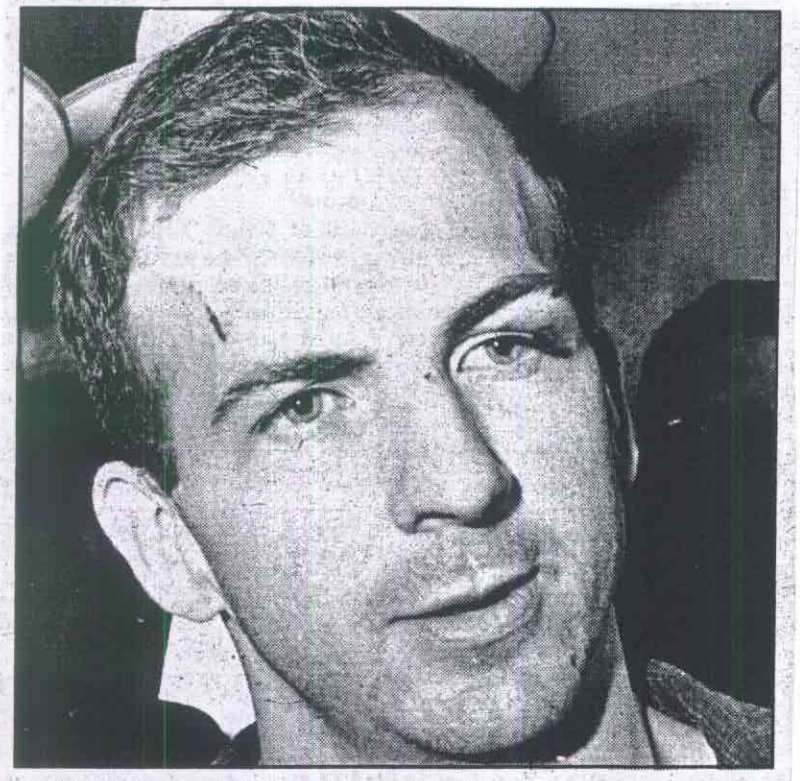
RUBY TOLD Oswald he was to kill Gov. Connally

"When he killed Officer Tippit and was captured, Ruby had no choice but to kill him," said the ex-agent. **"It was either let Oswald sing or kill him and take a chance on beating a jury."**

Two days after the assassination, Ruby ended the life of Oswald with a .38 slug in the stomach as no less than 75 lawmen looked on.

Another who apparently knew about the plot was a stripper who called herself "Little Lynn", and her story is an interesting one.

Little Lynn generally did not awake before mid-afternoon but on the day of the



OSWALD changed his plans after JFK was shot because he feared — quite rightly — a double cross

president's visit, her car was involved in an accident at Lemmon and Inwood in Dallas — directly on the presidential parade route.

On the front seat of her car, an investigator found a map with the parade route marked and a neat "X" covering Dealey Plaza near the triple underpass. The officer questioned the stripper briefly, placed the map on his clipboard, and told her she could go. Three hours later, the president was shot at Dealey Plaza.

That afternoon, in the tumult and confusion of the police interrogation room, the map was shoved in front of Oswald. According to those present, until that time the accused assassin had been calm, even smug. But now he leaped to his feet.

"I'm being framed," he screamed. **"They're using me for a patsy."**

Little Lynn? A short time later she was found dead in Houston with a bullet in her head.

So, what really happened at 12:30 p.m. at Dealey Plaza, Nov. 22, 1963?

The autopsy reports alone show that a least four shots were fired, because that is how many bullets struck the president and governor.

From the available evidence I have found and the confidential sources who have confided in me, this is how I reconstruct the events of that day:

Lee Harvey Oswald rode the elevator up to the sixth floor shortly after noon. He stacked boxes before the window to hide him from the hallway.

At least six people waiting below for the president saw him standing in the window with a rifle. They thought he was a secret service agent.

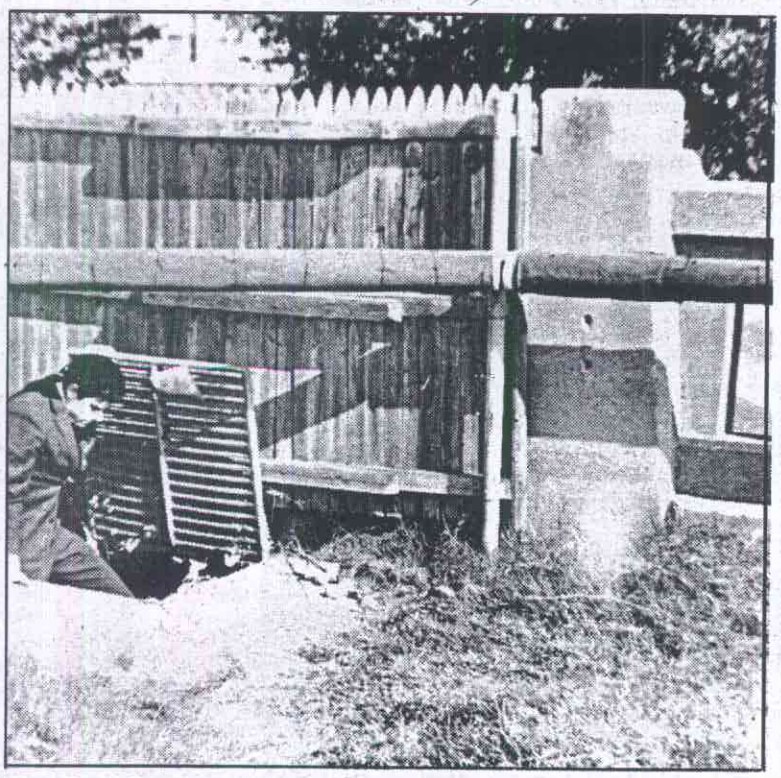
When the Lincoln containing the president and governor turned down Elm Street in front of the School Book Depository, Oswald centered Gov. Connally in the crosshairs of the scope. Connally once had been Secretary of the Navy and had refused to review Oswald's dishonorable discharge from the Marine Corps. Oswald wanted to kill him.

But, before he squeezed the trigger , another shot rang out and the president clutched his throat. Oswald fired and the governor jerked. As he worked the bolt of the rifle, there was another shot from his left. In panic, he fired a second time, but the car had begun moving faster and the bullet struck the president in the head.

Little did Oswald know that he was to be only one of three assassins that day.

From a fence beneath a row of trees to the front of the president's car, witnesses saw a burst of fire and puff of smoke before they heard the first shot echo from the book depository. The assassin immediately dropped into a drain cover and disappeared into the drainage system beneath Dealey Plaza.

At least one other shot was fired from high in the Dallas County Records Building directly to the back of the president. Witnesses later saw a man in a police uniform rush from the building carrying a rifle. A check revealed that no Dallas policeman was supposed to be on duty at that location with a rifle.



INVESTIGATOR steps down into sewer that runs under Dealey Plaza. This entrance to sewer is behind the fence on top of the grassy knoll

Examination at Parkland Hospital revealed that the president had been struck by three bullets and Gov. Connally by one. The first, fired from the front, had hit him in the throat and shattered on the collarbone with the fragments lodging in his lungs. A second bullet, apparently fired from a great distance, lodged just under the skin, in his back beside the spine. The third, fired from above and behind him, struck the top of his head.

Oswald rushed from the depository. He ignored his prearranged rendezvous outside the building and raced up Elm Street, where he caught a bus. When the bus was stalled in the crowd, he hailed a cab to Oak Cliff and went to his apartment.

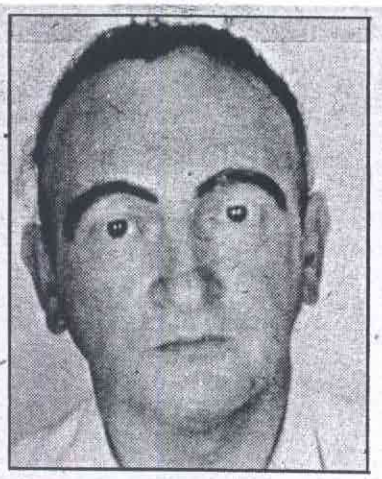
While he was inside, a Dallas police car pulled up in front of his apartment and the driver honked twice on the horn. The car waited and Oswald watched it without going outside.

It was the car which was supposed to take him to Red Bird Airport and an airplane which would fly him out of the country. But now he did not trust the two uniformed men in the car.

After the car left — alone — Oswald came out of the house. He was walking in the direction of Jack Ruby's apartment when Patrolman J.D. Tippit found him with remarkable ease.

Tippit, a 10-year veteran of the force who had never been promoted, was a long-time friend of Ruby's.

Oswald and Tippit talked for some two minutes at the curbside before Oswald suddenly turned and started walking briskly away.



DAVID FERRIE was to fly Oswald to safety after the assassination

When Tippit jumped out of the car, Oswald spun and shot.

Dallas Patrol Car 207, which contained the two uniformed men who stopped outside Oswald's apartment, later was seen at Red Bird Airport. The two men are believed to have escaped in a plane piloted by David Ferrie of New Orleans, a former friend of Oswald's.

Later, Car 207 showed up back in the police parking barn. The officer who had it checked out that day said he was ordered to take the car to the book depository building. He said he left the car and keys with a "man I did not know". The mystery man also is believed to be the person who directed the escape of the assassins and fingered Oswald when he tried to escape on his own.

The unanswered questions still abound. But they are becoming fewer each day. Perhaps, someday, they all will be answered.